

Vaccine Planning Work Group

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- First Name
- Last Name
- Organization

Please type all questions into the chat box.

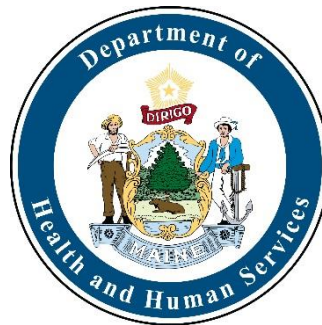
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<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/covid-19-providers/communications.shtml>

We appreciate the time and effort taken by everyone joining to help the Maine CDC with COVID-19 vaccine planning.

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Disclaimer

All information in this presentation is subject to change.
Information shared in these slides are assumptions
as of 2/17/2021.

Agenda

- General Updates
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Retail Pharmacy Program
- Improving COVID-19 Vaccine Equity

General Updates

Maine Doses administered 2/10/2021

- 208,302 total doses administered
- 151,010 first doses
- 57,292 final doses
- 4.26% of population that have received their final doses

Maine's Allotment Week #11 distribution

- 14,040 doses of Pfizer
- 13,700 doses of Moderna
- TBD doses allotted to 22 Walmart Pharmacies and 2 Sam's Clubs

Phase 1b Progress

- 70 yrs +
- 80 yrs +

General Updates

COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments in light of Adverse Weather Conditions

- **Moderna vaccine:** Moderna vaccines were not shipped on Monday February 15 or Tuesday February 16, and will most likely not ship February 17, due to adverse weather conditions.
 - CDC and HHS are working with McKesson and our shipping partners to resume operations as soon as the weather abates.
 - There will be a significant back log of orders for distribution once operations resume and every effort will be made to catch up as soon as possible while safely delivering the vaccines.
- **Pfizer vaccine:** Pfizer vaccines were not shipped out on Monday, February 15 due to weather conditions. A limited number of Pfizer vaccine shipments were processed Tuesday February 16 and a similar plan is in effect for February 17.

General Updates

Advance email notification for COVID-19 vaccine shipments distributed by McKesson

Beginning with orders approved on Saturday, February 20, vaccine shipments will be preceded by two emails from McKesson:

1. An **order acknowledgment email** that is sent once the order has been received into the McKesson system
 2. An **advance shipment email** that is sent once the order has shipped from the McKesson depot and contains the carrier tracking details
- Both of these emails will be sent to: the provider (facility) level email address.
 - Both of these emails will be sent from: CDCNotifications@mckesson.com

General Updates

Independent Living Facilities

- DHHS is evaluating the feasibility of holding COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Independent Living residences for older adults.
- Independent Living properties targeted to older adults, typically not licensed by the State as a residential care facility.
- Partners performing the vaccinations:
 - EMS
 - Independent Pharmacies
 - Public Health Nursing

General Updates

Weekly COVID Allocation Request

Maine CDC/DHHS will be rolling out a new process.

The new process will entail a weekly email sent on Friday morning, to the two pre-identified individuals for your organization/agency.

Within the email will be a link to an online form, that will request specific information about your request, should you wish to be considered for vaccine allocations the following week. The information requested will include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Date of last allocation
2. Number of doses with last allocation
3. Previous week's throughput
4. Number of doses remaining on hand
5. Number of doses request for following week
6. Current waitlist, if applicable.
7. Steps taken by organization to promote equitable administration of vaccine
8. Current partnerships with Community Based organizations that support vaccine access.

General Updates

State of Maine COVID-19 Vaccine Efficient and Full Use Policy

February 16, 2021

The State of Maine has issued guidance called “phases” on vaccination distribution to ensure efficiency, equity, and prevent severe illness and death.

The details of the State’s phases for COVID-19 vaccination distribution are posted at: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/phases>.

The phases are binding for sites receiving COVID-19 vaccine from the Maine Immunization Program (MIP).

At the same time, the State is committed to putting every dose of the COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of residents, even if that means occasional deviations from the State’s phases.

General Updates

This guidance specifies how vaccine sites with approved Maine Immunization Provider Agreements may administer extra doses to individuals at the end of a clinic day or in extraordinary circumstances.

Maine's goal is that no dose goes to waste. As such, approved sites may, without additional approval, use the small fraction of doses available at the end of a clinic to vaccinate, in this order:

- Eligible individuals age 70 and older who may be on a waiting list or scheduled at a future date, including “same day” waiting lists;
- Individuals age 65 to 69; and/or
- Vaccine clinic staff and volunteers, in oldest age order, who have not otherwise been vaccinated, including calling people back if there are extra doses.

Individuals who receive a first dose specific to implementation of this policy must be scheduled for the second dose, as applicable, at the same location. The second dose should not be part of the full use management policy process for the day.

General Updates

Application for Consortia

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services is approving such proposals for receipt of state-distributed COVID-19 vaccines as part of its effort to reduce barriers to access for Maine's hard-to-reach, marginalized and medically-underserved communities including racial and ethnic minority groups, tribal communities, sexual and gender minority groups, those living with disabilities, those living on the margins of our economy, and rural/geographically isolated communities.

[An application](#) for consortia of organizations that are interested in creating community collaborative efforts to distribute at least 1,000 vaccines per week by pooling resources and populations to increase vaccine throughput, while also improving the equitable distribution of vaccines.

Community collaboratives must include at least one organization that has an existing Maine CDC Maine Immunization Program (MIP) provider agreement for COVID-19 vaccines.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

FQHC COVID-19 Vaccine Program

- Cohort #1 first week, no sites in Maine
- Cohort #2 second week, potentially 19 locations in Maine
- Cohort #3 third week, potentially an additional 11 locations in Maine
- 1 million doses allocated for the first three weeks.

Retail Pharmacy Program

Federal allotment increase from 1 million to 2 million doses

Maine was able to choose another retail pharmacy location to continue to expand access to vaccinations.

Retail Pharmacies are vaccinating individuals 70 and older.

- Walmart
 - Moderna Vaccine
- Walgreens
 - Pfizer Vaccine

Ensuring Racial/Ethnic Equity

- Weekly updates from partners
- This week will include Leigh Ann Howard and Elizabeth Rolfe from Northern Light Health.

COVID Vaccination Dashboard

- <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/dashboard>

Contact Information

C19Vaccine.MECDC@maine.gov

For questions regarding vaccine planning for COVID-19:

- Vaccine planning logistics – enrolled providers only
- Any follow-up questions to these weekly Vaccine Planning Work Group Meetings

C19PA.MECDC@maine.gov

To submit documents for COVID-19 vaccine enrollment:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement
- Storage & handling documentation if required

Website Information

ImmunizeME.org



Pediatric (0-10 years)



Adolescent (11-18 years)



Adults (19 & Older)



Pregnancy



Vaccine Clinics



For Providers



COVID-19 Providers



Questions?

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